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1. German PWs have been working in the coal mines near the town of Karaganda in the Kazakh S.S.R. about 600 km from the Chinese frontier. The coal (best "fat" coal) lies about four meters below the surface; it is mined by seams, large American eight-ton excavators being used, which load 200 sixty-ton (sic) trucks daily. In the area there are thirty shaft mines, eighty meters deep, and five surface mines.
2. The I. G. Farben plant formerly at Oswieczim has been reassembled at Kemerovo on the Ob River, 600 km from Novosibirsk. At Kemerovo there is also a large motor vehicle repair works and an electricity works. (Comment: This confirms earlier information on industrial installations at Kemerovo.)
3. In Kulebaki in the region of Gorki, the old iron foundry, built in 1870, is still in operation. The installations are very primitive. Scrap-iron is mainly used.
4. The Siemenswerk, built by the Germans at Kovel, is operating; 278 storage sheds have been erected north of Kovel. They had not been used by the summer of 1946.
5. In the steppe country near Rustava a completely new industrial town is being built, which had not yet been named by the summer of 1946.

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